

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Riga, February 18, 1935

No. 119

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I am authorized to propose the following agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Latvia:

"The Government of the United States will, from the 1st day of April, 1935, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of Latvia desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not 'immigrants' as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924¹ as amended; namely, '(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade between the United States and the foreign state of which he is a national under and in pursuance of the provisions of a treaty of commerce and navigation, and his wife, and his unmarried children under 21 years of age, if accompanying or following to join him;' and from the same day the Government of Latvia will collect no fees for visaing passports or executing applications therefor

¹ 43 Stat. 153.

from non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Latvia.”

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

J. V. A. MACMURRAY

His Excellency

Mr. KARLIS ULMANIS,
*President of the Council,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Riga.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

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RIGA, March 27, 1935

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency, that the Government of Latvia, desiring to facilitate the communication between Latvia and the United States of America, accepts the proposal of Your Excellency of February 18, 1935 (note Nr. 119) regarding the waiver of fees for passport visas for certain classes of travellers and concludes therefore with the Government of the United States the following agreement:

[For text, see U.S. note, above.]

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

K. ULMANIS
*President of the Council
Minister for Foreign Affairs*

His Excellency

M. J. V. A. MACMURRAY,
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
Riga.*